UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bates

FROM : R. J. Gallagher

SUBJECT: WARREN COMMISSION FILES

DATE: April 28, 1972

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Bates
1 - Mr. Gallagher
1 - Mr. Arendt
1 - Mr. E. S. Miller
1 - Mr. Dalbey

By a recent letter the Archivist of the United States forwarded a register of correspondence of the Warren Commission. This register has been denied the public as falling within the exceptions of the Freedom of Information Act; however, tentative plans call for its release. A considerable amount of the correspondence referred to in this register is from the FBI. They request that it be reviewed and we furnish them a comment as to the disclosure of this record.

Previously, two supervisors from the Domestic Intelligence Division and two from the General Investigative Division reviewed the FBI documents held in the Archives at which time it was determined 748 items remained which were never released for public consumption. The majority of them fell within security-type classifications.

In order to determine the nature of the documents which are yet to be released, the most logical procedure would be to review them in the Archives and make a determination whether they should be released. Thereafter, our evaluation will be submitted to the Department if warranted, and our ultimate decision will be furnished the Archivist.

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ACTION:

If approved, Domestic Intelligence Division should designate two supervisory Agents to assist two General Investigative Agents in the review of this material.

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